

Reading at Home

Helping Your Child Learn to Read

Reading is a very important skill. At Widden, we believe reading at home helps children become better readers. When you read with your child, you help them learn new words, build confidence, and do well at school.

Why Reading at Home Is Important

Reading regularly helps children:

- Read more smoothly and confidently.
- Learn new words.
- Enjoy reading.
- Build a lifelong love of books.

Weekly Reading Routine

To make sure your child has books at the right level:

- **Phonics Groups:** Your child will bring home a new reading book on a **Friday**.
- **Non-Phonics groups:** Children will have a book changed as and when they have finished a text.

Our Goal

We encourage families to read together **3–5 times each week**.

Reading Can Happen Anywhere

Reading is not only about school books. You can help your child read in everyday activities:

- **In the kitchen:** Read a recipe together.
- **Game time:** Read the rules of a board game.
- **When out and about:** Read street signs, menus, or shopping lists.
- **Comics and magazines:** These are great for practising reading too.

Talk About the Story

After reading, talk with your child about the book. You can ask:

- What do you think will happen next?
- Why do you think the character feels like that?
- What was your favourite part of the story?

Need Help?

If you have questions about your child's reading or would like ideas to encourage reading at home, please speak to your child's teacher. We are happy to help.

